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A NEW ANESTHETIC.—We have sometimes thought that a spark of divine inspiration must have been vouchsafed to the man who first discovered the anæsthetic properties of sulphuric ether. Should the grateful millions whose sufferings have been assuaged by the precious boon desire to erect a monument to his memory, they might find it difficult to determine whose name should be engraved on the marble shaft. England and America each contend for the honor of having given birth to the immortal benefactor, and a multitude of doctors on both sides of the ocean have disputed as to who should wear the palm. As far as we know, the controversy has not been decided to this day. Boston has set up the statue of one of its own doctors, but a large body of the medical faculty claim that the chaplet should be worn by another.

Since then, however, new agents producing similar results have been discovered, and their use is more or less associated with the names of the first bold experimenters who dared to try their effects both upon themselves and their patients. Chloroform and nitrous oxide gas are the best known anæsthetics. The inhaling of the former has always been supposed to be attended with more or less danger, but the percentage of deaths from its use is so small (one in sixteen thousand cases, according to some authorities) that few patients refuse to take it when a painful surgical operation is about to be performed. There are said to be two or three cases on record where persons have died while under the influence of nitrous oxide gas, but considering the thousands who take it every day, as administered by dentists, without experiencing the least sickness or unpleasant sensation, it may be considered harmless. It has completely disarmed tooth pulling of all its terrors.

Dr. Richardson, of London, has been investigating a new anæsthetic, to which he has given the name of hydralyde. An account of his experiments is given in the "Half-yearly Compendium of Medical Science, Part IX," (just published) which will be found interesting reading, even to those who never expect to undergo any more painful surgical operation than the dislodging of a tooth or the lancing of a boil. Dr. Richardson was in the habit of using a mixture of anhydride and rectified ether for producing local anæsthesia; that is, by freezing the spot through which the incision is to be made by the rapid evaporation of the volatile substance spouted upon it in the form of spray. He noticed that when the spray was used for an operation about the nose or mouth the patient often passed into a state of general insensibility to pain. The sleep produced was so gentle, so deep, and yet so temporary, that Dr. Richardson rightly supposed that he was on the track of a most valuable discovery. He forthwith began a series of experiments in order to ascertain whether it was the vapor of the ether or of hydralyde which produced the insensibility, and it was not long till he assured himself that it was the latter. When inhaled it created no irritation, induced perfect insensibility to pain, and the recovery from its influence was singularly rapid. The most interesting fact connected with the inhalation of this gas is, that in many instances it induces perfect insensibility to pain, and leaves the consciousness comparatively unimpaired.

Dr. Richardson has also been experimenting with methyle ether. In several cases the patients, although quite insensible to pain, were able to obey every request made of them, and some of them kept insisting that they were not yet ready for the operation because they were entirely conscious, whereas the cutting was going on all the time and they felt it not. One lady took the anæsthetic and then pointed out successively the teeth which she wished to have extracted, adjusting herself in the chair after each tooth was drawn, and yet felt no pain whatever. From this and other cases which came under his notice the Doctor very fairly assumes that "in the course of time we shall discover manageable and certain anæsthetic substances which will paralyze sensation only, leaving the muscular power unaltered and the mental little disturbed."—*Baltimore American.*

A TOOTHACHE STORY.—A Cincinnati dentist, who had become nervous by frequent burglaries in his vicinity, was somewhat startled recently by finding a man come daily at the same hour each evening and sit on his doorstep. He finally suggested that if it would be all the same to him he would be pleased to have him divide his attentions and sit on some neighbor's doorstep awhile. "But it wouldn't be the same," shouted the visitor in return, "nor anything like it. You are a dentist and I have an infernal aching tooth that I have at the courage to have pulled. I come here every afternoon trying to make up my mind to have it out and as soon as I come in sight of your house it stops aching and as long as I sit on your doorstep where the confounded thing knows it can get pulled if it gives trouble I have no rest. Now if you want me to go to another dentist, I will." "Oh, no," was the reply, "under those circumstances stay by all means, my friend."

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and Tuesday evenings, Washington city, do.

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which the work was done, as well as your per-

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shares of the capital stock of said company,

dated 20th January, 1869, in the name of Char-

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ja 12-22m

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